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Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, adopted and opened for signature, ratification or accession the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The Convention entered into force on 12 January 1951 in accordance with its article XIII.

2. As at 31 August 1996, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by 122 States. In addition, three States had signed the Convention. The list of States that have signed, ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention, as well as the dates of their signature, ratification, accession or succession, is contained in the annex to the present report.

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ANNEX

List of States that have signed, ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide as at 31 August 1996

State	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, access or succession
Afghanistan		22 March 1956 a/
Albania		12 May 1955 a/
Algeria		31 October 1963 a/
Antigua and Barbuda		25 October 1988 b/
Argentina		5 June 1956 a/
Armenia		23 June 1993 a/
Australia	11 December 1948	8 July 1949
Austria		19 March 1958 a/
Azerbaijan		16 August 1996 a/
Bahamas		5 August 1975 b/
Bahrain		27 March 1990 a/
Barbados		14 January 1980 a/
Belarus	16 December 1949	11 August 1954
Belgium	12 December 1949	5 September 1951
Bolivia	11 December 1948	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		1 September 1993 b/
Brazil	11 December 1948	18 April 1952
Bulgaria		21 July 1950 a/
Burkina Faso		14 September 1965 a/
Cambodia		14 October 1950 a/
Canada	28 November 1949	3 September 1952
Chile	11 December 1948	3 June 1953
China	20 July 1949	18 April 1983
Colombia	12 August 1949	27 October 1959
Costa Rica		14 October 1950 a/
Côte d'Ivoire		18 December 1995 a/
Croatia		12 October 1992 b/
Cuba	28 December 1949	4 March 1953
Cyprus		29 March 1982 a/
Czech Republic		22 February 1993 b/
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		31 January 1989 a/
Denmark	28 September 1949	15 June 1951
Dominican Republic	11 December 1948	
Ecuador	11 December 1948	21 December 1949
Egypt	12 December 1948	8 February 1952
El Salvador	27 April 1949	28 September 1950
Estonia		21 October 1991
Ethiopia	11 December 1948	1 July 1949
Fiji		11 January 1973 b/

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Finland		18 December 1959 a/
France	11 December 1948	14 October 1950
Gabon		21 January 1983 a/
Gambia		29 December 1978 a/
Georgia		11 October 1993 a/
Germany		24 November 1954 a/
Ghana		24 December 1958 a/
Greece	29 December 1949	8 December 1954
Guatemala	22 June 1949	13 January 1950
Haiti	11 December 1948	14 October 1950
Honduras	22 April 1949	5 March 1952
Hungary		7 January 1952 a/
Iceland	14 May 1949	29 August 1949
India	29 November 1949	27 August 1959
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8 December 1949	14 August 1956
Iraq		20 January 1959 a/
Ireland		22 June 1976 a/
Israel	17 August 1949	9 March 1950
Italy		4 June 1952 a/
Jamaica		23 September 1968 a/
Jordan		3 April 1950 a/
Kuwait		7 March 1995 a/
Lao People's Democratic Republic		8 December 1950 a/
Latvia		14 April 1992 a/
Lebanon	30 December 1949	17 December 1953
Lesotho		29 November 1974 a/
Liberia	11 December 1948	9 June 1950
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		16 May 1989 a/
Liechtenstein		24 March 1994 a/
Lithuania		1 February 1996 a/
Luxembourg		7 October 1981 a/
Malaysia		20 December 1994 a/
Maldives		24 April 1984 a/
Mali		16 July 1974 a/
Mexico	14 December 1948	22 July 1952
Monaco		30 March 1950 a/
Mongolia		5 January 1967 a/
Morocco		24 January 1958 a/
Mozambique		18 April 1983 a/
Myanmar	30 December 1949	14 March 1956
Namibia		28 November 1994 a/
Nepal		17 January 1969 a/
Netherlands		20 June 1966 a/
New Zealand	25 November 1949	28 December 1978
Nicaragua		29 January 1952 a/
Norway	11 December 1948	22 July 1949

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Pakistan	11 December 1948	12 October 1957
Panama	11 December 1948	11 January 1950
Papua New Guinea		27 January 1982 a/
Paraguay	11 December 1948	
Peru	11 December 1948	24 February 1960
Philippines	11 December 1948	7 July 1950
Poland		14 November 1950 a/
Republic of Korea		14 October 1950 a/
Republic of Moldova		26 January 1993 a/
Romania		2 November 1950 a/
Russian Federation	16 December 1949	3 May 1954
Rwanda		16 April 1975 a/
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		9 November 1981 a/
Saudi Arabia		13 July 1950 a/
Senegal		4 August 1983 a/
Seychelles		5 May 1992 a/
Singapore		18 August 1995 a/
Slovakia		28 May 1993 b/
Slovenia		6 July 1992 b/
Spain		13 September 1968 a/
Sri Lanka		12 October 1950 a/
Sweden	30 December 1949	27 May 1952
Syrian Arab Republic		25 June 1955 a/
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		18 January 1994 b/
Togo		24 May 1984 a/
Tonga		16 February 1972 a/
Tunisia		29 November 1956 a/
Turkey		31 July 1950 a/
Uganda		14 November 1995 a/
Ukraine	16 December 1949	15 November 1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		30 January 1970 a/
United Republic of Tanzania		5 April 1984 a/
United States of America	11 December 1948	25 November 1988
Uruguay	11 December 1948	11 July 1967
Venezuela		12 July 1960 a/
Viet Nam		9 June 1981 a/
Yemen		6 April 1989 a/
Yugoslavia	11 December 1948	29 August 1950
Zaire		31 May 1962 b/
Zimbabwe		13 May 1991 a/

a/ Accession.

b/ Succession.